

Grant to help fund Success Regional Sporting and Community Complex

The City of Cockburn has received a grant of \$600,000 from the State Government towards the building of 20 netball courts and a pavilion in Success.

The \$9.7 million Success Regional Sporting and Community complex is expected to be completed in 2010. The grant was received as part of the Department of Sport and Recreation's Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

New roads, playing fields, carparking and lighting will be installed at the Hammond Road site with state-of-the-art clubrooms including a function area.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett said the complex will be a major asset, serving the rapidly developing eastern portion of Cockburn.

"Work has already begun on the access road carparking and playing fields which will provide a hub for clubs in Cockburn and a great venue for the thousands of young boys, girls and women that play netball."

"The extensive playing fields will provide the opportunity for the first rugby union club within the City to be established. This area will also be shared with the new adjoining primary school," he said."

Pictured L-R: Christina Miller, Mayor Logan K Howlett, Jandakot MLA Joe Francis and Amy Truscott



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Senior/pensioner rates payments

Rates for the new financial year 2009/2010 are due to be issued early in July this year.

Pensioners who have not yet paid their 2008-09 rates are encouraged to do so, in order to obtain the concession available for the current financial year.

Full pensioners who intend to defer their rates payments must pay the Rubbish Service Charge and the Community Security Charge for the current year. These service charges are not eligible to be deferred.

Seniors and part-pensioners are not entitled to defer their rates and must finalise their accounts by mid-June, so that concession claims may be made prior to the new rates for 2009/2010 being issued.

Senior and part-pensioners who do not pay their accounts in full will lose their concessional status until such time as all outstanding rates are cleared.

Pensioners who wish to avail of the Centrepay Deductions Service are advised to contact Centrelink or the Rates Service Team.

If you have any queries please contact **Rates Services on 9411 3444**.

For those experiencing extreme financial difficulties, the following services are available.

Atwell Financial Counselling 9414 6302
Cockburn Financial Counselling 9331 1174

Growing Business in Cockburn

WIN \$1,000 advertising in Community Newspapers

The City of Cockburn and Cockburn Gazette Newspaper are creating a 'Growing Business in Cockburn' feature in September. This special gloss supplement will feature a local business directory, business profiles and local business news. Cockburn businesses can register free-of-charge to win a \$1000 advertising voucher for any of the Community Newspaper Group publications.

If you're a local business we want to help support you. To register your business details free-of-charge visit: <http://cockburn.inmycommunity.com.au>

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Message from the Mayor



When was the last time you visited your local library? For some of you the answer will be a matter of days or perhaps weeks but for many Cockburn residents this may have been many years, or even decades ago.

A lot has changed at Cockburn libraries in the past few years and for those that haven't made the time to visit one of the three branches I strongly encourage you to do so.

In addition to a diverse range of books available for hire, libraries are now offering CDs, DVDs, magazines and talking books.

You can make reservations online, attend social functions, join groups or use the Internet. Never before have libraries been so interactive, making your library experience personalised and engaging.

Our libraries are one of our most popular and appreciated services and are provided free of charge to all Cockburn residents.

So next time you're looking for a DVD to watch or a good book to snuggle up with, be sure to head to your local library at either Coolbellup, Spearwood or Success. The library's details are available on page 10 of this publication or by visiting <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> or by phoning 9411 3800.

As always if you have any feedback for your Council please do not hesitate to be in contact with myself or your local ward Councillors, whose details are on the back of this publication.

Mayor
Logan K Howlett JP

Council and Committee Meetings Open To the Public

Council conducts its Ordinary Council Meeting on the second Thursday of each month at 7pm at Council Chambers located within the Administration Building, 9 Coleville Crescent, Spearwood.

In addition, Council's Audit Committee holds meetings at 6pm on the third Thursday of March, July and November each year.

Members of the public are invited to attend these meetings; the Agendas for which are available from the Council office, Spearwood, Success or Coolbellup Public Libraries or on line at Council's website.

Next Council meetings - Thursday, May 14 at 7pm and Thursday, June 11 at 7pm.



What's on in Cockburn

Get Fit, Have Fun!

The South Lake Leisure Centre has a range of courses and sessions available to suit you including:

Ladies Monday morning netball – Free crèche facilities available while you play.

Gymba Joeys – for kids aged 15 months and older. This session runs each Thursday or Friday morning and is taken by an experienced and qualified instructor.

Junior Soccer Clinic – Running each Thursday from 4pm to 5pm for boys and girls aged 6-8 years and from 5pm to 6pm for boys and girls aged 9-11 years. Learn skills and drills and finish with a game.

Jazz Dance – for kids aged 3 years and older. The classes run on Saturdays.

For more information on these programs or to find out more about what's on offer at the SLLC phone 9417 3003.

International Family Day

City of Cockburn Support Services are holding a free annual International Family Day event on Sunday the 17th of May 2009 from 12pm to 2:30pm at the Atwell Community Centre (1 Lombe Gardens, Atwell).

There will be a variety of international style foods for people to try and activities including cultural music, balloon art and face painting, petting zoo and craft.

For more information call City of Cockburn Support Services on 9414 6302.

All residents welcome.



Show Off 5

It's on again. The popular Show Off 5 exhibition will be held during May.

This invitation exhibition showcases local artists in a variety of mediums from paintings to sculpture.

The exhibition will run from May 16 to May 24 at Memorial Hall and be open daily to the public from 10am to 3pm



Coogee Beach Festival 2009

Live entertainment, free games, rides and competitions were on offer at the annual City of Cockburn Coogee Beach Festival on Sunday, March 15.

About 15,000 people headed to the free festival, which marked the end of the City's Summer of Fun community events series.

Festival highlights included an inflatable water slide, sandcastle competition, Schools Beach Challenge, temporary tattoos, orb balls, bucking bull, mechanical surf board and performances by a local dance academy.

The Coogee Beach Festival was sponsored by Australand and Phoenix Shopping Centre. The Summer of Fun is sponsored by the Community Newspaper Group and supported by 96FM.



Hello Baby 2009

Thousands of parents, grandparents and carers of babies headed to Manning Park on Wednesday, March 25 for the annual Hello Baby event hosted by the City of Cockburn.

Following the success of the 2008 inaugural event, Hello Baby 2009 included local services and businesses that cater for babies aged 0 – 15 months living in Cockburn.

There was also live entertainment, games, face painting, balloon sculpting, an animal farm, story telling and prizes.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett welcomed the new additions to the Cockburn community.

Mayor Logan K Howlett said Hello Baby was a great opportunity for parents to learn more about the various groups and services available in Cockburn to support them through the first years of their child's life and offer assistance when needed.

He thanked the support of volunteers, including numerous students from Atwell College, for their role in making the event a success.





Cockburn Seniors' Centre Opening Soon

It's full steam ahead at the soon-to-be opened interim Seniors' Centre.

As the builders finish up on the renovations to the former Civic Centre, the City of Cockburn is recruiting staff and preparing for the centre's opening, tentatively scheduled for August 2009.

The centre will host a broad range of activities and services including: recreational, cultural, fitness and educational programs; a venue for clubs and interest groups to meet; healthy low cost meals; and hairdressing and podiatry services.



Above right: Councillor Val Oliver with Jill Zumach and Cockburn Seniors discussing the Centre's architectural plans
Below: Councillor Val Oliver and the City's Manager for Human Services, Jill Zumach with some of Cockburn's Seniors who will be enjoying their new Centre



Free film and conservation sessions

Each month St Michaels' Anglican Church hosts a movie and chat session which is free and open to the community.

The sessions run once a month on a Wednesday afternoon between 2pm and 4.15pm.

The next session is on Wednesday, May 13 for a viewing of *Shipwreck Detectives* and a discussion on the history of St Michael's Church.

For information phone 9434 5854. The sessions are supported by the City of Cockburn.

Planning applications go online

Submitting a development application to the City of Cockburn has never been easier after the City of Cockburn recently launched its online application system.

The online system, which was being introduced in an effort to reduce paper usage, save time and streamline the process for City staff, is available from the City's website.

City of Cockburn Director of Planning and Development Daniel Arndt said the online system was easy to use, includes payment options and saves applicants time.

"Each year the City receives about 1200 development applications. The online system will save City staff time in considering each application and is hoped to reduce the time needed to approve applications," he said.



2009 Sustainability Awards OPEN

Get your nominations in for the City of Cockburn A Better Tomorrow - Sustainability Awards. Your applications should address economic, environmental and community wellbeing.

Two prizes will be awarded in each of the following categories:

Community – school, community groups, not-for-profit organisations. (2 x \$1,000 prize)

Small business – up to 20 employees. (2 x \$1,000 prize)

Large business – 20+ employees. (2 x \$1,000 prize)

Household (individual or collective group such as Pinakarra Community) (2 x \$1,000 prize)

All nominees go into the running to win the prestigious City of Cockburn Gold Sustainability Award worth \$6,000. All participants will be invited to attend the Gala Celebration event on Friday, 25 September 2009 where award winners are announced.

For more information phone 9411 3444, or contact louisej@cockburn.wa.gov.au or visit the City's website.





City welcomes first residents at Port Coogee and Cockburn Central



Australand’s Port Coogee development has reached another major milestone as the ocean-side community’s first residents move in.

Domenic and Natina Morolla and their two children, Marc and Adam, who have lived in the Cockburn (Coogee) area for 13 years, said the unique lifestyle on offer so close to the existing community they love was what convinced them to buy at Port Coogee.

“We love the vision for Port Coogee – a coastal community that will include residential, a marina, parklands, beaches, cycle and walkways. We’ve been able to build our dream family home on the coast and remain close to our family and friends,” said Domenic.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett, also welcomed Port Coogee’s first residents, acknowledging the significance of this milestone in the development’s evolution.

“Port Coogee is an exciting addition to the City of Cockburn and the first residents are a significant step towards the integration of the development into our vibrant and growing local community,” he said.

The first residents are also moving into the Nexus apartment complex at Cockburn Central.

Nexus, which comprises five apartment complexes, forms part of LandCorp’s Cockburn Central Transit Oriented Development (TOD).

Cockburn Central aims to create a vibrant new community around a transport hub and is a key project for the West Australian Government.

Nexus apartment owner Kay Durrant said that it was the closeness to public transport, proximity to shopping and future developments of Cockburn Central into a vibrant community that had attracted her to the development.

New ten-year management plan for Market Garden Swamps

The future of Cockburn Market Garden Swamps is open for discussion and the City of Cockburn is asking all members of the public to have their say during a public comment period closing May 15.

The Market Garden Swamps Environmental Management Plan 2009-2019, was prepared for the City by consultants GHD and details how the area is to be conserved and managed throughout the next decade.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett said the Market Garden Swamps had significant historical and environmental value to Cockburn and protecting their future is of utmost importance.

“These wetlands provide a great amenity to the Munster and Spearwood area as well as habitat for local wildlife and fauna species.”

“In addition to this, the Market Garden Swamps recognise Cockburn’s pioneers. This ten year plan was compiled with a focus on conservation and promotion of this area for the residents and future residents of Cockburn to enjoy.”

The plan includes fire control, weed management, the management of non-native animals, conservation of natural fauna, rehabilitation works, maintenance of the area and the use of interpretive signage.

The draft plan is available from the City’s website www.cockburn.wa.gov.au or from the City’s administration or public libraries. For more information phone the City’s Environmental Services Team on 9411 3444.

Comment can be made via the form available online or by contacting the City and must be returned by May 15, 2009.



Revegetation for Habitat Creation – volunteers wanted

Join the City of Cockburn to create fauna habitat and improve the water quality of our lakes!

7th June - Market Garden Swamp

14th June - Manning Lake

21st June - Yangebup Lake

27th June - Coogee Beach

11th July - Redemptora Reserve , Henderson.

Contact Environmental Services to register 9411 3444.





Your Cockburn Library

<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>



Discover the Library 'Discover the World'

Join us to celebrate libraries and their valuable role in the community throughout May. Discover the Library, 'Discover the World' allows you to escape to destinations far from home all from the comfort of your local library. Find out about the Women's Adventure Club, what to do with those holiday photos and extra terrestrial travelling. There's also a trip to Rottnest up for grabs. Check out the Cockburn Libraries website <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> for more info.



Expressions of Interest Dead Poets' Society

Do you have a favourite poet who happens to be fertilising daffodils? Join the Dead Poets' Society which will meet at Spearwood Library to share their love of poetry and ideas. Come along, armed with your favourite poems, to make new friends, have great discussions and share a free cup of tea or coffee.

If you don't know any dead poets, your Cockburn library can point you in the right direction. Are you interested and up to the challenge? Ready to seize the day? Send an email to spelib@cockburn.wa.gov.au with your contact details and "Expressions of Interest - Dead Poets' Society" as the subject or phone 9411 3800.

Please note Libraries will be closed for stocktake on the following days:

Spearwood – Monday, 11 May, Tuesday, 12 May & Wednesday 13 May 2009. Reopening on Thursday 14 May.

Success – Thursday, 14 May and reopening on Friday, 15 May.

Coolbellup Library will continue normal opening hours over this period.

Living Libraries

Living Libraries is a national initiative that strengthens communities by encouraging understanding and respect. Volunteers are found who are willing to share their stories, lives and ideas with the community. They do this in a library setting where they are booked by library members, much like requesting a book.

Recently Venerable Hue Can, a Buddhist nun, was the Living Library or "Living Book" for Cockburn Libraries. "It was an interesting experience for me" said Venerable. "Most people asked questions that would help in their daily lives. Some people came together with a friend and we had great discussions. I hope they all learnt something new about Buddhism."

Keep an eye on our website <http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au> for details of the next Living Library.



Get Physical @ Cockburn Libraries

Throw off the winter blues this June at Cockburn Libraries. Join us for healthy activities for the mind, body and soul. See our website for further details.

<http://library.cockburn.wa.gov.au>

City of Cockburn ANZAC Youth Parade 2009

Representatives from schools joined members of the City of Cockburn RSL, Councillors, City staff and members of the public for the annual ANZAC youth Parade on Wednesday, April 8.

The parade was coordinated by the RSL and recognises the sacrifices made by former and current servicemen, including those who were killed in battle.

City of Cockburn Mayor Logan K Howlett thanked members of the City of Cockburn RSL for organising the school's parade and asked students to reflect on what ANZAC Day means to them.

"I urge you to think of the brave and gallant efforts of the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and for those who brought back the wounds of war; some visible and some not so visible."

"Even today there are thousands of young men and women, serving in theatres of war in far distant lands,



away from family and friends, away from home, fighting for our freedom and that of others, most of whom we will never know or meet."

Above: Cockburn Youth Mayor Elyce Lines speaks on behalf of the young people of Cockburn.

High achiever awards – Nominate now!

Recently been to a City of Cockburn building, event or just got off the phone to one of Council's staff and found the service exceptional, helpful or they used great initiative?

If this has happened to you and a Council officer has gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist you in your query and provide you with good service, then why not nominate them for the City of Cockburn's High Achiever Award?

For a nomination form you can either email: cmiller@cockburn.wa.gov.au or come in and pick up a nomination brochure from the City's Administration Office. For further information call 9411 3444.





Cr Tony Romano

Cockburn Councillor Corner

Tony Romano

Why did you want to be a Councillor at the City of Cockburn?

As a long-term-resident (over 30 years) of Cockburn I am very passionate about the future of Cockburn. I felt the best way to make a contribution is to get involved. I also felt that with my business background (over 35 years working in the financial services industry) I could use some of my experience to assist in matters regarding the City's financials and resources.

What has been the highlight of your time as one of Cockburn's Councillors?

The expansion of our community services and community events program together with our greater commitment and focus on the environmental aspects of the City's operations.

What future projects in Cockburn are you excited about?

I am very pleased with the finished look of Memorial Hall which I was very passionate about. I am also very excited about the Phoenix Central Revitalisation Project and the proposed upgrades and conservation works to Bibra Lake.

Describe your self in three words.

A people person.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

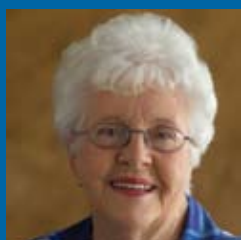
Continuing as an active member of the Cockburn community and enjoying time with family and friends.

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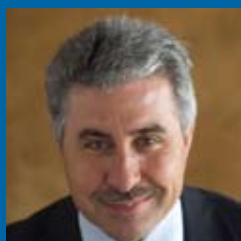
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